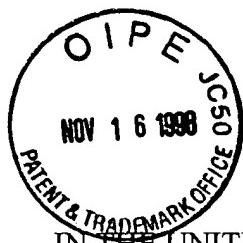


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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 15, 1998. A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is being filed concurrently together with the appropriate fee.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, the claims of Group VIII (Claims 41, 43, 45 and 46), drawn to a method of identifying an enhancer of caspase activity, are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the invention of Groups I-VII and IX-XIII

(Claims 1-40, 42, 44 and 47-52). Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the Group I-VII and IX-XIII inventions.

Respectfully submitted,
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